

## Stedman's Medical Dictionary

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### hypogonadism (hI'po-go'nad-izm)

Inadequate gonadal function, as manifested by deficiencies in gametogenesis and/or the secretion of gonadal hormones; results in atrophy or deficient development of secondary sexual characteristics and, when occurring in prepubertal males, in altered body habitus characterized by a short trunk and long limbs.

**familial hypogonadotropic h.** [MIM\*312100 & MIM\*307300] a group of disorders characterized by failure of sexual development, owing to inadequate secretion of pituitary gonadotropins; perhaps X-linked or autosomal recessive inheritance.

**hypergonadotropic h.** defective gonadal development or function of the gonads, resulting from elevated levels of gonadotropins.

**hypogonadotropic h.** defective gonadal development or function, or both, resulting from inadequate secretion of pituitary gonadotropins. hypogonadotropic eunuchoidism, secondary h;

**male h. eunuchoidism**

**primary h.** defective gonadal development or function, or both, due to abnormality or loss of the gonad itself.

**secondary h. hypogonadotropic h**

**h. with anosmia** [MIM\*308700] failure of sexual development secondary to inadequate secretion of pituitary gonadotropins, associated with anosmia due to agenesis of the olfactory lobes of the brain; probably X-linked inheritance. Kallmann's syndrome;

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